



BookChat

Spring 2014

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What's New at the Lake Bluff Public Library
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Board Meetings at 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 11

Tuesday, April 8

Tuesday, May 13

Library board meetings are held at the library and open to the public.

Library Hours

Monday	10:00 am–9:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am–6:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am–6:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am–9:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am–6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am–4:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Library Closures

Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday)

Sunday, May 25 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day)

Director's Message

Spring is a season of change and new beginnings—especially at your local library! On March 26, we will launch Sierra, our brand new Integrated Library System and Online Catalog. Library staff members have been working hard to make sure that the transition to our new system is as smooth as possible. We have also been learning about the exciting new features Sierra will offer.

- You'll be able to place (and track!) your Interlibrary Loan requests directly from your online account—no need to fill out a separate form or wonder if your request was processed.
- Can't get enough of James Patterson? Set up your account to alert you when we add a new Patterson book to our collection.
- You'll be able to search our reference databases directly from the online catalog.
- Later, you will also be able to check out eBooks and eAudiobooks directly from the library catalog.

During the changeover, we will have a gap with a few services. Especially, we will not be able to add new material to our collection from the first week in March until the 26th. We ask you to please be patient. Stop by the library to learn how these exciting changes will improve your library experience!

Eric Bailey, Library Director

NEW at the library!

More eBooks—Coming Soon!

We are pleased to announce that we will be doubling our budget for eBooks and eAudiobooks for the 2014-2015 fiscal year! Beginning in May, the library will use additional funds to add more titles every month and purchase additional copies of popular items. If you're new to eBooks and eAudiobooks, there's no better time to start learning! Visit the library website for information on getting started or give us a call to set up a tutorial.

Friends of the Lake Bluff Library Book Drive

Drive your old books and textbooks to the library this spring! Rather than tossing those old titles aside, give them to the Friends of the Lake Bluff Library and we'll donate them to Better World Books, an online bookseller that donates a portion of each sale to high-impact literacy projects and the Lake Bluff Library! On Saturday May 3rd and Sunday May 4th during library hours, bring your books to the library Spruth room to donate. The west side door will be open to take your donations. Tax letters will be available. If you need assistance with your books, volunteers will be available to pick-up your books. A limited number of pick-up times are available; please call the library to reserve your pick-up time.

If you would like to volunteer during this event, please email Linda Schwartz at lschwartz@atproperties.com or call the library at 847-234-2540.

*Books and Textbooks only please. Encyclopedias and other reference materials are unable to be accepted.

Adult Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

Please register for adult programs to ensure we have the room adequately set-up.

Registration can be completed online at www.LakeBluffLibrary.org, by phone at 847-234-2540, or in person at the Reference Desk.

When Women Played Baseball: The Story of Margaret, Nellie, and Rose

Tuesday, March 11 at 1:30pm

In 1934, three teenage girls (one from Illinois, one from Indiana, and one from West Virginia) played hardball on the last traveling bloomer girl baseball team. Their stories include abandonment, loss at sea, early triumphs, world war, and always, baseball. Margaret, Nellie, and Rose came from different backgrounds and had different reasons for playing baseball. When the season was over, they followed different paths — but playing baseball profoundly affected their lives and even helped determine their careers. This talk, accompanied by slides, will leave audiences deeply moved and amazed.

National Library Week - Lives Change @ Your Library

Sunday, April 13 through Saturday, April 19

This week, the Lake Bluff Public Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating National Library Week, a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians, and library workers!

Stop by the library and complete our Library Scavenger Hunt! All patrons who complete the hunt successfully will receive a secret code word. Use the code word to receive up to \$5 in fine amnesty at the front desk!

iPhone/iPad for Personal Use

Monday, May 12 at 7:00pm

Do you need some help getting started using your new iPhone or iPad? Would you like to know more about your device and how to make it work for you? Then join us for a workshop highlighting the iPhone and iPad, including tips and tricks! Blair Miller of AppleLearn will show how to make the most of your device and introduce you to apps to improve your experience. Prior to creating AppleLearn in 2010, Blair was a trainer in an Apple retail store for 3 years. Her goal is to bring training and support to you and to help you achieve the same level of confidence, enjoyment and productivity as she has experienced.



An Italian Tragedy by Local Author, Ed Bernardi

Thursday, May 29 at 7:00pm

The Reluctant Patriot: An Italian Tragedy tells a unique story of love, hate, hope, and patriotism. The author interviewed hundreds of individuals in the United States and Italy, where he has traveled extensively to gather information to write his first novel. Join Mr. Bernardi as he reads a chapter on the history of good people changed by war.



This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library in memory of Lake Bluff resident, Norma Mocogni.

Wool Gatherers

Mondays, March 17, April 21, and May 19 at 7:00pm

This program is an ongoing, adult gathering that meets the third Monday of each month unless

otherwise noted. Our circle of needle artists gets together to share stories, solve problems, and work on our current projects. Wool Gatherers is open to all skill levels. Registration is not required.



Chef Michael Maddox Returns!

Tuesday, April 8 at 12:00pm

When Spring is at its best, impress your guests with this elegant menu! Start with a decadent Smoked Salmon Swan appetizer as your guests arrive. The meal opens with a true showpiece: a delicious and gorgeously composed salad of mixed greens, candied walnuts, strawberries, and balsamic vinaigrette. The main course is an excellent Roasted Orange and Thyme Scented Chicken with Mediterranean Couscous. Is your mouth watering yet? Then join Chef Michael Maddox for an afternoon of entertainment and instruction as you learn how to make these delicious dishes.

The Eerie Similarities between John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln

Thursday, May 15 at 7:00pm

John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln each held two presidencies, both one hundred years apart. Though they lived in different centuries, both men's lives, which included their wives, their children, and the political challenges that they faced, ran directly parallel to each other. Historian Jim Gibbons will present the similarities between Kennedy and Lincoln—from their families to the places where they died—and explain how these similarities mapped their paths toward their tragic rendezvous with destiny!



Display Case for Your Collection

The glass display case in the Spruth Room is available to anyone in the community. If you have a collection you would like to share for a few weeks with the library's patrons, please contact Carol Carter for available dates. Collections must be approved by the staff of Lake Bluff Public Library.

March: Lego creations built by Lake Bluff children and sponsored by the Friends of the Library

April: Madame Alexander Dolls loved by Eva Javier

May: Open for your collection!

Adult Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

Showtime: Movies for Adults

Thanks to the Friends of the Library's generosity, the Spruth Room has black-out blinds so that we can show movies for adults during the day or evening. Bring a friend and enjoy a movie at the library. Refreshments are served.

Afternoon Movies at 2:00pm

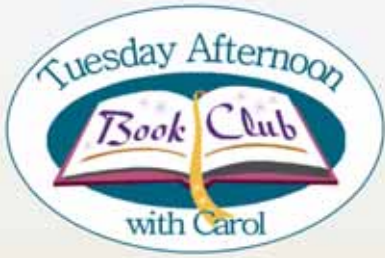
Thursday, March 27:

Captain Phillips (Rated PG-13, 133 minutes, 2013)



Thursday, April 24:

Life of a King (Rated PG-13, 101 minutes, 2013)



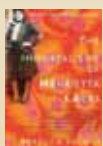
Attend book club and share your comments with other book lovers! Carol leads open-ended and insightful discussions; your ideas about the book may change. All of the titles for the discussions are available for check-out at the circulation desk. Some of the titles can be downloaded from MyMediaMall.

All discussions are on Tuesdays at 1:30pm.

March 18: *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot (Nonfiction, 2010, 369 pages)

April 15: *The Mourning Hours* by Paula DeBoard (Fiction, 2013, 336 pages)

May 19: *A Summer House: A Trilogy* by Alice Ellis (Fiction, 2013, 339 pages)



Just for Teens & Tweens

Grades 6 through 12

Teen and Tweens Wanted -- TAB

Thursdays, March 13, April 10, and May 15 at 7:30pm

Lake Bluff Library is looking for teens ages 11 and up to join our lively and fun Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Tell us what you would like for teen programming, DVDs, books, music. Snacks will be provided. Contact Ms. Eliza or Ms. Williams for further information.

Anime and Manga Club

Thursdays, March 6, April 3, and May 1 at 7:30pm

Join us for a great time as we dive into the world of manga and anime. We'll check out some new favorites as well as some old classics, have lively discussions about the topics you love most. Check back at the library or online for more details.



Knitting with Eliza

Thursdays, March 27, April 24, and May 29 at 7:30pm

Teens and Tweens if you have ever had an interest in knitting, this is the group for you. Knitting Guru Eliza can help you with anything from simple hats and scarves to funky patterns and neat stitches. Beginners are welcome in this relaxed, informal group.



Divergent Release Party

Thursday, March 20 at 7:30pm

Come join us and get excited about the movie release of one of our favorite books! Take a quiz to find out what faction you're in, discuss your favorite aspects of the books, and test your knowledge with some trivia. One lucky teen will win a gift certificate to the movie theater to go see *Divergent*!



Teen Movie

Friday, March 28 at 2:00pm

Teens & Tweens can join us an afternoon movie and popcorn! Movie title will be announced.



Teen Crafting

Thursday, April 17 at 7:30pm

Teens and Tweens can join us to design and decorate their very own Sharpie mugs! Bring your ideas, we'll supply the mugs!



Join us on the teen blog; get the latest information and goings on, share opinions on books, games, movies and more!



Children's Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

The 28th Annual Phyllis Fox Memorial Writing Contest and the 25th Annual Bookmark Design Contest

Pick up your entry form for these two contests beginning Saturday, March 1.

Contest Descriptions

The Phyllis Fox Memorial Writing Contest is open to children in grades 1 through 8. Children can write a short story on any subject they wish. First Place winners will receive \$25 gift card.

The Bookmark Design Contest is open to children in grades K through 8. Children can design a bookmark on the theme of reading and/or books. First Place winners will receive 100 professionally printed copies of their winning entries. All winning entries will be available for patrons at the library.

Rules:

- We are now accepting entries for the Phyllis Fox Memorial Writing Contest electronically! For further information see the contest form or ask in the Children's Department.
- Entries for both contests are due no later than **Wednesday, March 19 at 6:00pm**
- Winners will be announced **Monday, April 14 at 10:00am**
- An award presentation ceremony will be held **Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00pm at Blair Park Recreation Center**
- Visit the Children's Department for complete details!



Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, March 4 through April 15

Registration Required

We will have stories, songs, and crafts for young children.

2 year olds 11:15am to 11:35am
For 1 child and 1 adult

3-5 year olds 10:30am to 11:00am
For child without adult

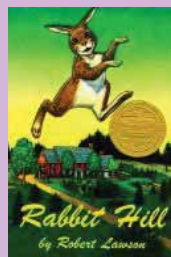
Parent / Child Reading Clubs

Grades 2 through 3

Monday, March 17 at 7:00pm

Boys and girls in grades 2 through 3 can bring a parent to our reading group. We will meet once a month to discuss a different book. Copies of the books will be available at the children's desk.

Rabbit Hill by Robert Lawson
(Fiction, 127 pages, 1944)



Grades 4 through 5

Monday, April 14 at 7:30pm

Boys and girls in grades 4 through 5 can bring a parent to our reading group. We will meet once a month to discuss a different book. Copies of the books will be available at the children's desk.

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
(Fiction, 177 pages, 1961)



Mad Hatters Return!

Saturday, March 15 at 11:00am

All ages can join us for this fast-paced, exciting program sponsored by the Junior League of Chicago.

The Mad Hatters tell stories and sing songs to entertain all!



Movie at the Library

Wednesday, March 26 at 2:00pm

Movie title will be announced. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.



Children's Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

April Art Show

During the month of April, the Children's Department will have an amazing art display created by the boys and girls from Ms. Thomsen's K through 5 after school Park District art classes. Stop by and see the remarkable artwork of these Lake Bluff children.



Magic Show and Workshop with Gary Kantor

Saturday, April 5 at 11:00am

Registration Required



Children ages 5 through 12 can join us for a thrilling and entertaining magic show with vanishing acts, mind-reading tricks and a variety of hilarious tricks. Following the show, Gary will lead a workshop where children will learn how to do a variety of magic tricks. Each child will receive some magic props to take home.

National Library Week

Sunday, April 13 through Saturday, April 19

Celebrate the many wonders of your library with us this week. We offer you everything from magazines and books to computers for recreation and education. Visit the Children's Department and see what's new.

Drop-in Craft

Sunday, April 13 through Saturday, April 19

Drop in and make a delightful craft* for National Library Week. *While supplies last.

Bookmark Design Contest Display

All of the 25th Annual Bookmark Design Contest entries will be on display in the Children's Department beginning April 15. Come see all the imaginative designs!

Winter Reading Club Ends

Saturday, May 3 at 4:00pm

This is the last day to report on any books for the Winter Reading Club. No badges will be awarded after that date.

Summer Reading Club Starts

Saturday, June 7 at 10:00am

Join us for "Be a Readasaurus"



Storytime at the Lake Bluff Garden Market on the Green

Saturday, May 10, 11:00am to 12:00pm

Join us for stories on the Village Green while you shop for your spring flowers and plants.



Help Us Test Our New Website!

The library is looking for a few volunteers* to help us test our new website. If you are interested in helping us, send your contact information to circdesk@lakeblufflibrary.org

*Not all volunteers will be selected for testing.

Money Matters

What are Your Old Coins and Gold Jewelry Worth?

Monday, April 14 at 1:00pm

Dave Ekstrom, a life-long coin collector and retired school teacher, returns to our library to give a 30 minute presentation on what makes coins valuable and how to determine the worth of your gold jewelry. After the presentation, attendees may bring items to be appraised. No buying or selling will take place at the program.

Timeless Investments

Thursday, April 17 at 7:00pm

John Wasik has covered investing and personal finance for more than 25 years winning 19 awards for his work. He currently writes columns for Reuters.com and Forbes.com. The discussion will include some of the timeless principles of investing -- ones that anyone can apply -- as discovered by the great economist John Maynard Keynes.

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Friends Meetings at 10:00am

Meetings are on the second Saturday of the month.

Saturday, March 15
Saturday, April 19
Saturday, May 17

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